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FIRE RESTRICTIONS TO BEGIN AT GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK

Grand Canyon, AZ – Northern Arizona is entering fire season. Fire danger is very high in Grand Canyon National Park and the risk of wildfire is expected to increase over the next month.

To ensure public safety and provide the highest degree of protection to park resources, the following fire restrictions will be implemented on Monday, June 5, 2006, under the authority of 36 Code of Federal Regulations 1.5 (a) (1). These restrictions will be effective until the threat of human-caused wildfire decreases significantly.

Campfires

- Campfires and open flames are permitted only in designated areas within developed campgrounds: Mather Campground and Desert View Campground on the South Rim and the North Rim Campground on the North Rim.
- Fire pans are permitted below the high water line along the Colorado River.
- Charcoal grills are prohibited. Gas grills and pressurized gas or liquid stoves are permitted in designated campsites, picnic areas, administrative sites, residential areas and the inner canyon.

Smoking

- Smoking is only permitted within and directly adjacent to buildings that have designated smoking areas and within private vehicles, provided an ashtray is used. Smoking is prohibited elsewhere.
- Smoking is prohibited in all backcountry areas except below the high water line along the Colorado River.

Fireworks

- Fireworks are prohibited in Grand Canyon National Park at all times.

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All roads and trails in Grand Canyon National Park remain open; however, visitors are asked to exercise extra caution as the height of fire season approaches.

For additional information, please call Grand Canyon National Park's fire information line at 928-638-7819. You may leave a message and your call will be returned. If you have questions about backcountry travel, please call the Backcountry Information Center at 928-638-7875. You may also visit Grand Canyon's web site at <http://www.nps.gov/grca/>